sponsored schemes are implemented by the States. For instance, under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana we are giving 80 per cent. and the States are contributing only 20 per cent. There are certain schemes under which we are contributing 50 per cent, and the State Governments are also contributing 50 per cent. Most of the funds are being given by the Centre to the States for the poverty-alleviation programme, for area specific and other programmes. So, I think, it is in the interest of the State Governments, and a lot of funds are now going to the State Governments under these programmes.

Demarcation between small and big Companies

*367. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:† SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for making a distinction between small and big companies and treating them on separate footing on procedural matters like filling of forms, returns audit forms, balance-sheets, annual returns, six monthly returns, share transfers, etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The High Powered Expert Committee on Companies and MRTP Acts (Sachar Committee) *inter-alia* recommended that private companies may be further classified into small private companies having a paid up capital not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs and be eligible for further exemptions and priviliges. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

The Deputy Cahirman: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Steps to Curb Brain Drain of ISS Officers

*364. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian Statistical Service officers who left the service since 1981, year-wise and also the average years of service put in by these officers;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred on those officials, year-wise, towards training and salaries;

(c) whether it is a fact that officers in question left the service due to bleak promotional avenues; and

(d) what steps Government intend to take to curb this brain drain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Efforts of the Government have all along been oriented towards improving the promotional avenues through more and more encadrement of the posts and introduction of cadre posts above the Junior Adminsitrative Grade. The strength of the cadre has increased from 185 as on 1.11.1961 to 529 as on date.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati Mira Das.